

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I vehemently oppose the dramatic rule changes proposed to extend the ability of the large media corporations to gain control of the media outlets available to me and the citizenry of the United States.

I urge you in the strongest way to vote no on these rule changes. They will limit the voice of independent news sources by effectively pushing them out of the market. Small news sources cannot compete financially. However the diversity of media alternatives and the perspectives they may give voice should not be governed by strictly financial concerns.

By easing restrictions on the conglomeration of all major media sources you will be selling public influence to the highest bidder. It is a frightening possibility. Media monopolies are unjust.

I ask that you consider the consequences that your decision will have. I also encourage you to read today's editorial by Ted Turner in the washington post if you have not already. He opposes these dangerous rule changes and provides a detailed explanation of why. I agree with him on all accounts in his most convincing argument.

Thank you for your time.

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